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SUBJECT: SWEDISH GOVERNMENT MAKES PUBLIC ITS DEMARCHE TO US ON SPANISH EXECUTIONS.

REF: STOCKHOLM 4964, 2014 AND 1919 NOTAL

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1. DEMARCHE ANDERSSON MADE TO US SEPTEMBER 30 WAS MADE PUBLIC BY GOS ON OCTOBER 3 IN PRESS BRIEFING ON FOREIGN MINISTER'S REPORT SAME DAY TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL SESSION ON SPAIN.

2. BOTH MAJOR STOCKHOLM MORNING NEWSPAPERS OCTOBER 4 REPORTED IN IDENTIFICAL TERMS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER REVEALED THAT HE HAD TAKEN UP THE QUESTION OF THE SITUATION IN SPAIN WITH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR ON SEPTEMBER 30 AND HAD "ASKED THE (AMERICAN) AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY GREETINGS TO SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, STRESSING THE SIGNIFICANCE IT COULD HAVE IF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT JOINED IN THE OPINION SO FORCEFULLY EXPRESSED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF WESTERN EUROPE ABOUT THE THE COURT PROCEEDINGS AND THE EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN."
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3. BOTH NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR KNUT BERNSTROM ALSO BRIEFED THE MEETING AND THAT ANDERSSON'S STATEMENT CAME IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM LIBERAL PARTY LEADER GUNNAR HELEN ABOUT "WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO COUNT ON A COORDINATED EUROPEAN EFFORT TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE US GOVERNMENT HOW REGRETABLE THE AMERICAN INSENSITIVITY ON THE SPANISH QUESTION IS."

4. THE DAGENS NYHETER REPORT ADDS: "IT WAS EVIDENT FROM ANDERSSON'S REVELATION THAT ONE OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRY HAD CONVEYED THE SAME VIEWS DIRECTLY TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAD PROTESTED (SIC) VIA NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS."
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5. COMMENT: SWEDISH TACTIC OF MAKING PUBLIC A SUPPOSEDLY CONFIDENTIAL DEMARCHE TO SHOW THAT THE MFA HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE CAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A REPETITION OF OUR EXPERIENCE LAST APRIL RE VIETNAM. AT THAT TIME, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON URGENTLY CALLED ME TO HIS HOME TO ASK ME TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT THAT PRG WAS "SERIOUSLY INTERESTED" IN NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT WITH SAIGON WITH THE ONLY PRECONDITION THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT THIEU. SEVERAL DAYS LATER ANDERSSON DESCRIBED THIS APPROACH PUBLICLY TO A MEETING OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERS WHO SHOWED THEMSELVES CONCERNED WITH WHAT SWEDEN WAS DOING ABOUT THE DENOUEMENT OF THE VIETNAM WAR.
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